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FOR EB/IFD AND IO/IEP

1. RECALLING SITUATION DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 OF REFTTEL,  
MISSION OFFICER TOLD HENZE, GROUP B COORDINATOR, THAT US  
WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT  
AT 18TH TDB. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED IN GROUP B MEETING,  
AUGUST 10, THAT THE US WILL SERVE AS A VICE PRESIDENT,  
ALONG WITH FRG, AUSTRIA AND CANADA. (COMMENT: SINCE NO  
OTHER COUNTRY INDICATED INTEREST IN SEEKING VICE PRESIDENCY  
AT AUGUST 10 MEETING, HENZE DECIDED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY SETTLE  
QUESTION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. END COMMENT).

2. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I - CHAIRMANSHIPS OF SESSIONAL  
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COMMITTEES, WHILE NOT OFFICIALLY PART OF BUREAU OF TDB, ARE  
ALSO SUBJECT TO ROTATION. SINCE GROUP B CHAIRED SESSIONAL  
COMMITTEE ONE AT 17TH TDB, GROUP OF 77 IS NOW IN LINE TO  
CHAIR IT AT 18TH TDB. WE LEARNED IN AUGUST 10 GROUP B  
MEETING THAT AFRICAN GROUP WANTS TO PROVIDE CHAIRMAN OF  
SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ONE. MISSION OFFICER SUBSEQUENTLY  
LEARNED THAT AFRICANS INTEND TO NOMINATE SUDANESE AMBAS-

SADOR ABDULLA MAHGOUB TO SERVE IN THIS POSITION. WHILE A RELATIVE MODERATE AMONG THE AFRICANS, MAHGOUB IS A QUIET MAN WHO HAS NOT PROVIDED US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE HOW EFFECTIVE HE WOULD BE AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IF MAHGOUB IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ONE-- WHICH NOW APPEARS LIKELY--IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR GROUP B TO SEEK VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II - GROUP B IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE CHAIRMAN OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE TWO AT 18TH TDB. SELECTION OF PERSON TO FILL THIS POSITION WILL BE ONE OF FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS AT GROUP B MEETING, AUGUST 28. IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE GROUP B PERSON IN THIS POSITION, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET BLOC PLANS IN THIS COMMITTEE TO STEP UP ITS CAMPAIGN TO INJECT EAST/WEST TRADE MATTERS INTO UNCTAD--AN EFFORT WE HAVE THUS FAR SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED.

4. CONTACT GROUP - THE G-77 AND THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE TDB ALSO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF CONTACT GROUP WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO UNCTAD V. (SAME PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED AT 15TH TDB WHEN PRESIDENT DADZIE HEADED CONTACT GROUP ON UNCTAD IV PREPARATIONS). GROUP B ON AUGUST 10 SEEMED PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL. THE LATIN AMERICANS ARE EXPECTED TO CHOOSE THEIR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. GROUP B MIGHT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ONE OF ITS VICE PRESIDENTS SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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